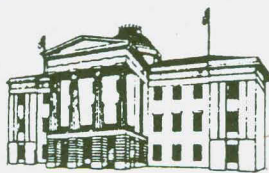


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

AND

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DAY

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 4,500 people died from job-related incidents, 12 people a day, in the United States in 2010, and millions more people suffered occupational injuries and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, small businesses with fewer than 500 employees represent about 99.9 percent of the total businesses in the United States and create roughly two out of every three new jobs; and

WHEREAS, businesses spend \$170 billion a year on costs tied to occupational injuries, health care and illnesses; and

WHEREAS, indirect tangible costs of injuries may be as much as 20 times the direct costs, including costs from accident investigation, insurance, retraining workers, repairs, medical and production delays, while the intangible costs of losing a loved one, a friend and a co-worker are beyond price; and

WHEREAS, the costs to recoup are high, a single slip or fall injury averages approximately \$25,000 in direct costs and in order to maintain a 10 percent profit margin, it has been estimated that an additional \$250,000 in sales would be needed to make up for *just* the direct costs of one such incident; and

WHEREAS, occupational safety, health and environmental professionals work around the clock so millions of people leave their workplace injury- and illness-free to return home to their families and friends each day; and

WHEREAS, during the week of May 6-12, 2012, North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week, American Society of Safety Engineers members, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and corporate/association partners will mobilize in an effort to increase employer, employee and public awareness of the importance of being safe at work; to raise awareness of the role and contribution of safety, health and environmental professionals; to encourage safe work practices; to provide small businesses with occupational safety resources; to help companies and organizations enhance their workplace safety efforts; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2012, occupational safety and health professionals will be recognized on Occupational Safety and Health Professional (OSHP) Day for the work they do to keep people safe at work, building an effective safety culture at their companies, preserving the good reputation of their companies, building employee pride, and helping their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 6-12, 2012, as "**NORTH CAROLINA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK**" and May 9, 2012, as "**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONAL DAY**" in North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-second day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.